

# Pacific Northwest Swimming Hall of Fame Class of 2010

## Pacific Northwest Swimming Inducts 6 into Fifth Hall of Fame Class

On July 21, 2010 the Pacific Northwest Swimming Association inducted 6 new members into their Hall of Fame in Federal Way, Washington. The PNS Hall of Fame has three categories of members, swimmers, coaches and valuable contributors. This year two swimmers, two coaches and two contributors were honored.



Pictured left to right are Don Winant, Klaas Schenk, Lyle Campbell, Rick Benner and Jay Benner

*Not pictured: Jamie Reid*

- **Athlete – Jamie Reid**



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Reid was a member of the University of Florida swimming and diving team from 2002-2007. She was a three-time national champion in the 200m backstroke and gold medalist at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. As a member of the 400m medley relay team, she was a bronze medalist at the Short Course World Championships in Athens, Greece.

Also during 2003, she established an SEC record time of 1:54.54 in the 200m backstroke in competition at Auburn University. She also broke UF’s 200m backstroke record with a 1:54.86 time in her home pool. Other highlights: Member of 1998 Goodwill Games gold medal team at New York City; 2000 and 2004 Olympic Trials competitor; and 5th place at NCAA championships. Reid is also proud of being named an SEC Academic All-American.

She was born in 1983 in the Republic of Panama. She graduated from UF in 2008 and today is assistant project manager for Allstate Construction in Florida.

On an interesting note, while swimming at Puyallup Aquatic Club, Jamie won Junior Nationals in the Summer of 97, then turned around and won Nationals in the same event (100m Backstroke) 8 months later, April 98.

- **Athlete – Don Winant**

Don Winant began the journey in October-1967 when he stepped to the deck of the Officer’s Club Pool (Subic Bay Swim Club), Subic Bay Naval Base, Republic of the Philippines. His first coach was Wayne {“Wally”} Music, who swam for the PNS Hall of Famer Dick Hannula at Tacoma Swim Club. Don moved to Seattle in the Summer of 1971 to swim for Coach Bob Miller at Cascade Swim Club {CSC}.

In the Fall of 1973, Don made his first national finals in the 400-IM at the 1974 Short-Course National Championships, Dallas, Texas. Summer of 1974, Don, again, qualified for the AAU Senior National Long-course Swimming Championships in Concord, California. As a freshman at the University of Arizona, under the leadership of Coach Bob Davis, Don won the Western Athletic Conference Championship (NCAA Division One) in the 400-



yard IM at the University of Arizona. During the Summer of 1975, Don had a remarkable “break-through swim” at the AAU Senior Long-course Swimming Championships in Kansas City, Missouri. Don qualified for the finals in the 400-IM. That evening, Don moved up in the rankings, placing fourth nationally, with his teammate, Rick Colella third place honors and qualifying for the 1975 Pan American Games of Mexico City. Don’s performance in Kansas City catapulted him into the 1975 FINA Top-10 World Rankings, placing ninth in the World. During the Fall of 1975 Don qualified for the Olympic Trial’s in the 400-IM. In February-1976, Don, and his coach, Bob Miller were selected to the USA National Swimming Team, competing in Moscow and Kharkov.

Don continues his athletic endeavors in triathlon and in lives in Spokane, Washington with his young adult children, Reilly and Shannon.

With immense appreciation he deeply thanks Coach Bob Miller, Coach Dick Hannula, and the PNS Hall of Fame Committee for induction into the Pacific Northwest Swimming Hall of Fame.

- **Coach – Jay Benner**



Jay Benner has had a highly successful career over the past 3 decades both as a swimmer and coach in coach in the Pacific Northwest. During his 11 years of coaching Tacoma Swim Club, Jay had 7 swimmers represented on US National Teams, including 2004 Olympian Dana Kirk and 2008 Olympic gold Medalist Nathan Adrian. He served as a coach on US National Teams at the Pan American Games, World University Games, and Open Water World Championships.

Benner was also the Head Olympic Coach for the UAE for Beijing (2008). In 2005 he was named USA Swimming National Developmental Coach of the Year. Jay had a highly successful career as a swimmer as well in the PNS. He was a finalist at the US National Championships from 1985-1988, as well as being ranked in the top 25 in the world in the 400 IM and Distance Free events. He was twice the Pacific Northwest Swimming Male Swimmer of the Year.



- **Coach – Rick Benner**

**Rick's significant coaching highlights:**

USA Swimming National Team Coach 1997-2003 2008 Present

Puyallup Aquatic Club Head Coach January 1991- May 2001

PNS Zones Coach August 1992- August 1996, Head PNS Zones Coach August 1997, PNS Board of Directors member, PNS Senior Coach of the Year 2000

1998 USA Swimming Assistant Women’s Coach Goodwill Games

Coached 14-year olds Jamie Reid (100 Back) and Megan Quann (100 Breast) to 1998 National Championship Titles at the Spring Senior Nationals.

Between 1991 and 2001, Puyallup Aquatic Club Swimmers Individually and as part of Relay Teams established and/or reestablished some 126 PNS Records over long course meters, short course meters, and/or short course yards events. Additionally, they set and/or reset some 23 National Age Group records and 9

American Records. Many of those swimmers went on to enjoy distinguished Collegiate Careers. Under the leadership of Coach Rick Benner, the Puyallup Aquatic Club distinguished itself as one of the Premier Competitive Club Swimming Experiences in the Northwest, and throughout the Country, in the 1990's. Rick and his staff and parent volunteers developed an age appropriate training model that focused on complimenting the factors that contribute to an athletes physical and psychological maturation, that allowed athletes like Jamie Reid and Megan Quann, who both started their careers with Puyallup Aquatic Club, to realize their competitive swimming dreams. Rick Benner swam for Vesper Boat Club (Philadelphia) in the '70's as a Club Swimmer, under Coach George Breen. Rick then swam for the University of Pennsylvania 1977-79, also under Coach Breen.

- **Contributor – Klaas Schenk**



Klaas Schenk has been an active participant in Pacific Northwest Swimming since the mid-70's having served in various capacities as a coach and also a member of both the PNS Board and the GSSA for over three decades. Following three years as head coach with the King County - Bellevue Swim Team, Klaas became a co-founder of the Chinook Aquatic Club in 1976. After three years with CAC, in the fall of 1979, he moved to the Bellevue Athletic Club where he founded the very successful Bellevue Club Swim Team and has since served for 31 years as its head coach. While on the PNS Board he remains active with the Technical Planning Committee as well as the Age Group programs within PNS. In 1980, he formed the first of many PNS Age Group All-Star teams that started traveling and competing (and continues today) with teams from British Columbia in Canada and later with teams from the Inland Empire, Oregon, Pacific Swimming and also Southern California.

- **Contributor – Lyle Campbell**

Lyle Campbell has been a member of the PNS Board of Directors for 30 years. During this term, he has served as General Chairman, Vice Chairman of Program Development, Program Operations, Age Group Swimming, Senior Swimming. His committee work has included chairmanship of the Technical Planning, Meet Sanctioning, Meet Scheduling, Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee, this Hall of Fame committee, the PNS Website Committee and the Club Development Committees.

Lyle took the first group of swimmers to the First Western Zone Championships in Concord, CA in 1979, Lyle served as either head coach or team manager from 1981- 1991.

Lyle's skills in data analysis and his commitment to the sport has resulted in the development of Time Standards for meet management from 1976 to 2010 (and beyond!). His foresight led to the development of the Challenge Series of meets for Pacific Northwest Swimming that led to increased participation and outreach to all levels of competitor in the region.



Campbell developed the Parent Education Program for Local Camps, was the editor of Pacific Northwest Tides 1987-1991, and served on the USA Swimming Board of Directors as the Western Zone Director from 1982-1984. He expanded his Committee work to the National Stage as a National Select Camps Team Manager 1988-1991 and as National Club Development Chairman 1987-1991.

Campbell was awarded the USA Swimming Phillips 66 Outstanding Service Award in 2000 by the PNS Board of Directors .